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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT   : Report on the Cuban Operation

1. The report on the Cuban Operation, as is true of all
Inspector General reports, was prepared under my personal direction
and worked on by myself and my deputy, Mr. David McLean, as well as
the three officers who did the principal collecting of information
and preparation of the text: Messrs. ████, ████ and ████.
The final editing was done by myself personally and the report
represents the views of the Inspector General.

2. In preparing the report we had access to all of the material
prepared by this agency and submitted to the Taylor Committee, as
well as the minutes of the Taylor Committee meetings, and a chance to
see their final conclusions and recommendations. In addition to this
we had all of the documentary material available in the WH Division,
WH-4, and other staffs and divisions of the agency who had cognizance
of or prepared material for WH-4. These particularly included ONE,
OCI and Staff D of the DD/P.

3. As is noted particularly in our report, we did not go outside
of the agency in any respect and tried to confine our inspection to
only internal agency matters, except where reference had to be made
to outside actions that affected the operation. In interviewing

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persons connected with this operation, we talked initially to three
of the top officers in the operation, commencing with Mr. Esterline
and Colonel Hawkins, and having our initial lengthy discussions
with them within a week of the operation. We interviewed all of
the appropriate supervisors in the DD/P, starting with the DD/P
himself and including the A/DD/P/A, Chief, WH, Chief WH-4, and some
.30 other officers and employees directly involved in the operation.
We kept extensive notes and material of all of these discussions
which are documented in our files.

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Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General
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